

MADERA COUNTY
FACT Program (\$699,938 grant)

This program expands the capacity of a new program funded by the Mental Health Services Act. The initial program provides a continuum of treatment for 20 mentally ill offenders using the Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) model. The MIOCR-enhanced FACT Program will enable the county to provide in-custody and post-custody services to an additional 30 offenders, for a total of 50 offenders. Research indicates the FACT model is effective in reducing institutional recidivism for severely mentally ill individuals. Therefore, the county is giving priority to offenders with schizophrenia, other psychotic disorders and bipolar disorder.

Services include intensive case management, substance abuse and mental health therapy, vocational and employment services, and assistance with transportation, housing and other basic necessities. Jail discharge planning and community reentry services will be provided and/or coordinated by a multidisciplinary treatment team comprised of a mental health clinician, registered nurse, two mental health case managers, two alcohol/drug counselors, two program assistants, one deputy probation officer (whose caseload will be limited to supervising program participants), a part-time peer support counselor and a psychiatrist (who will be available for psychiatric assessments and medication evaluations).

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